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Location

1. A rubber factory and research station are situated about 500 meters west of the Kremlin (see sketch 1).¹

Communications

2. A Russian gauge railway line leads to the factory.

History

3. The factory is not of recent construction but was modernized after the war by four German engineers from Jena, who had a five-year contract for putting up new buildings and introducing new methods of production. The installation of the research station, which has now been completed and includes laboratories, a rifle range, etc., was carried out by the German engineers mentioned above.

Production

4. The factory produced hard rubber similar to Buna, known by the Soviets as Buna. In addition, experiments were carried out with tanks and aircraft.

Raw Material

5. Source of raw material is not known.

Finished articles

6. Disposal of finished articles is not known.

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Personnel

7. The name of the manager is not known. There were about 400 employees consisting chiefly of Soviets, the remainder being German PWs. Work was carried out in one shift.

Security Measures

8. The factory is surrounded by a high brick wall. There are no watchtowers. Inside the factory there is a civilian guard, and at the entrance there is a double guard consisting of civilians and MVD. Passes are checked at the entrance.

Wages, Prices of Food, and Living Conditions

9. PWs earned 700 rubles per month, of which 425 rubles was taken by the camp authorities and the remainder paid in cash to the PWs.
10. Prices in the camp canteen were as follows:

1 kg of black bread	3.60 rubles
500 grams of white bread	3.50 rubles
1 kg of butter	60 rubles
1 kg of margarine	40 rubles
1 liter of sunflower oil	120 rubles

11. Practically all the workers, both Soviets and German PWs, complained of the poor living conditions. Pay was small and insufficient to purchase necessities. Leisure periods were practically nonexistent, as evenings were taken up with meetings, political training, and lectures at which the poor conditions prevailing in the West were emphasized. This was not believed by the Soviet workers, who spoke bitterly about party officials.

Plan of the Factory

12. The factory site is quadrilateral in shape and covers an area of over 200 x 100 meters. The buildings are of brick and concrete. The key to Sketch No. 2 is as follows:
- 1) Two-story administration building.
 - 2) Two-story building. Soviet officials and German engineers occupy the upper story, and the ground floor is used as offices.
 - 3) A solid single-story building.
 - 4), 5) Research laboratories.
 - 6), 7) Workshop about 30 meters in length. In one were tanks and aircraft wings which had been covered with rubber produced in the factory.
 - 8), 9) Buildings resembling workshops about 20 meters in length.
 - 10), 11) Two-story buildings about 20 meters in length.
 - 12), 13) One-story buildings about 40 meters in length.
 - 14) Russian gauge line with two ramps.
 - 15) An area about 100 meters in length on which are several sheds containing stores. Complete tanks, a few complete aircraft, also tank and aircraft components, especially wings, were accommodated in this area. 50X1-HUM
tanks of various sizes which were taken away after under- 50X1-HUM
going tests few complete aircraft but many aircraft wings of different sizes and construction.
 - 16) A tall building of reinforced concrete containing a rifle range about 200 meters long and more than 20 meters wide. The roof was composed of sections of reinforced concrete arranged in such a way as to prevent bullets from leaving the building and at the same time admitting light. In this building tanks and aircraft which had been covered with rubber were fired on from different ranges by rifles and MGs. The wings of the aircraft came in for special attention. 50X1-HUM
noise of explosions coming from this building.

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Attachment: Two sketches on one page

Comment: The rubber research station is located on Trubetskaya 50X1-HUM Street about two kilometers southwest of the Kremlin.

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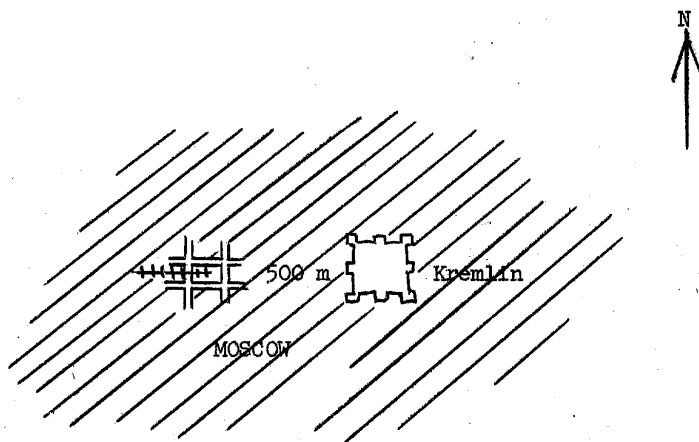
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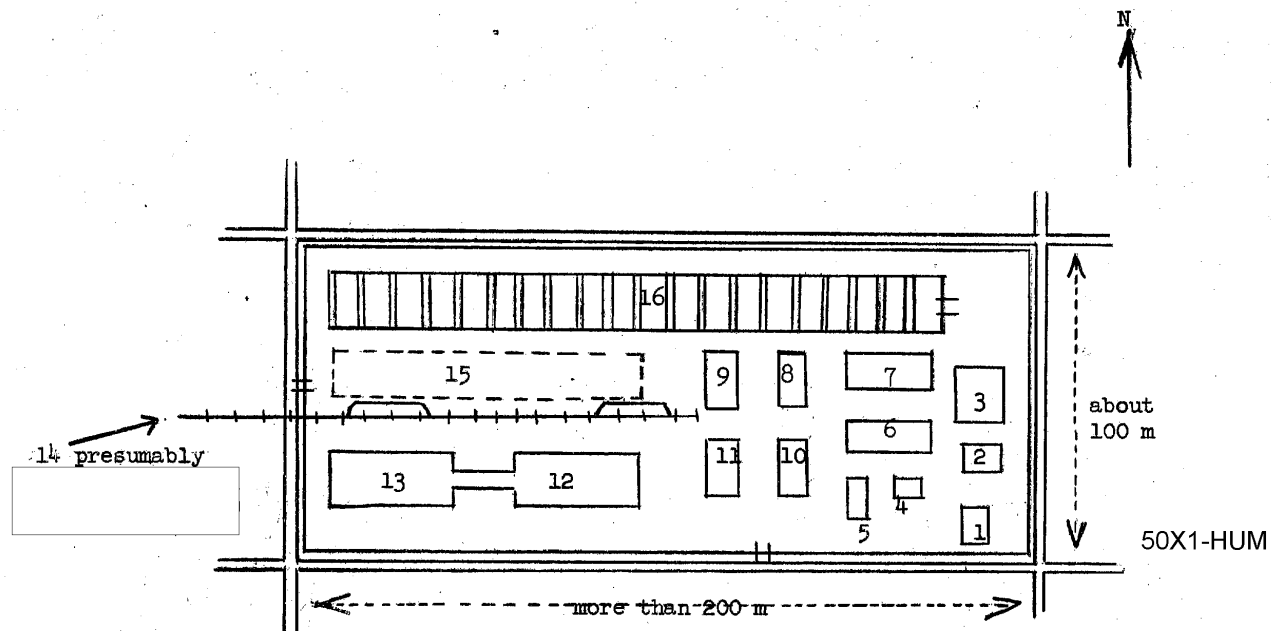
Sketch No. 1

Location of Rubber Factory and Research Station at Moscow



Sketch No. 2

Plan of the Rubber Factory and Research Station at Moscow



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